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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT

1. DURING HIS NOVEMBER 3-8 VISIT TO THE USSR, THE DIRECTOR, DIA DISCUSSED WITH GRU CHIEF GENERAL OF THE ARMY IVASHUTIN THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO THE USSR BY A NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE STUDENT GROUP. IVASHUTIN RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THIS IDEA AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD MENTION IT TO SOVIET ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL KULIKOV. IVASHUTIN SAID THE PROPOSITION SHOULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH ATTACHE CHANNELS.

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2. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, NWC WOULD NOW LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 10 STUDENT, MILITARY AND USG CIVILIAN, VISIT THE USSR DURING THE PERIOD MAY 7-16, 1977 AS ONE ELEMENT OF NWC INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDY PROGRAM. GROUP WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO FACULTY MEMBERS AND A FIELD STUDY DIRECTOR OF SENIOR MILITARY OR AMBASSADOR-IAL RANK. THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WOULD BE TO BROADEN

CONTACT BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET GOVTS AND TO FURTHER
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, WHILE PURSUING WAR COLLEGE MISSION
FOR STUDY OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY FORMULATION IN CONTEXT
OF RELATIONS AMONG WORLD POWERS AND OF EAST-WEST PROBLEMS
AND PROSPECTS IN EUROPE. THE NWC WOULD BEAR THE EXPENSE OF

THE VISIT, BUT WOULD ASK SOVIET APPROVAL AND ASSISTANCE
IN DEVELOPING A SCHEDULE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, ON WHICH
YOUR COMMENTS INVITED:

A. VISIT TO ONE OR TWO MILITARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
(SUCH AS THE VOROSHILOV GENERAL STAFF ACADEMY IN MOSCOW
AND THE FRUNZE NAVAL ACADEMY IN LENINGRAD).

B. VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY
(IMEMO) AND THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE USA (SSLA).

C. VISIT TO ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL UNIT DEEMED APPROPRIATE
BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

D. TWO-DAY VISIT TO LENINGRAD TO INCLUDE VISITS TO A MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE AND THE MAIN FEATURES OF THAT CITY.

E. IF APPROPRIATE, ONE OR TWO-DAY VISIT TO VOLGOGRAD AND
A TOUR OF THE MEMORIALS OF THE BATTLE OF STALINGRAD.

F. OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE SOVIET LIFE INCLUDING MAJOR
CULTURAL EVENTS.

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3. LENGTH OF VISIT AND/OR NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS CAN BE
MODIFIED IF DESIRED BY HOSTS. WE INVITE THE SOVIETS TO
PROPOSE A SIMILAR VISIT TO THE US BY AN APPROPRIATE SOVIET
WAR COLLEGE GROUP.

4. IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, REQUEST DAAT SUBMIT THIS
PROPOSAL TO THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND REQUEST
A REPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, NWC
REQUIRES INFORMATION BY THAT TIME AND WOULD WELCOME INTERIM
ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THIS PROPOSAL.
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